

BETHESDA NEWS

Welcome to Worship!

January 25, 2026

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"A community caring for all God's people, being transformed by Christ's love, serving others as a witness of God's grace and peace."

CONNECT, EQUIP, SEND

MINISTRYTEAM

Pastor Andrea Wall: 402-710-3195

andrea@mainstaycomm.net

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chelsea.vaught@bethesdamc.org

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CONTACTUS

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BMC Treasurer Email: treasurer@bethesdamc.org

BMC Website: www.bethesdamc.org

WORSHIP SERVICES

Can be viewed/listened to live...

- † Livestream @ <http://bethesdamc.org/watch-live>
- † Facebook
- † KOOL Radio 103.5 FM
- † Local Cobalt Cable Channel 3207

Reminder...

- † The east doors will remain open during office hours 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. If you drop off items in the Et Cetera room and need to have the north door unlocked, please call the office.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

<i>Sunday, January 25</i>	8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Business Meeting to vote on affirming Pastor J Epp to our pastoral team 10:40 a.m. Sunday School
<i>Monday, January 26</i>	
<i>Tuesday, January 27</i>	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. BWM Sewing Day
<i>Wednesday, January 28</i>	12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due 6:30 p.m. High School Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Cornerstone 7:00 p.m. Midweek 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Church Offices Closed
<i>Friday, January 30</i>	
<i>Sunday, February 1</i>	8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 p.m. Annual Meeting Message: Pastor J Epp Music: Marilyn Kroeker, Pianist/Worship Band Offering to God 10:40 a.m. Sunday School 12:00 p.m. Youth Fundraiser Meal

CHURCH FAMILY

Please keep in prayer those with health concerns, grief, or family needs:
Rachelle Schweitzer, Lisa Friesen, Bryan Bechtel, Wyona Friesen, Elly Siebert (Marge Siebert's granddaughter) and Dee Hansen.

Full Time Ministry Connection

Ron Goertzen, Dayspring Ministries - Congo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor J Epp Affirmation Vote

The Board of Deacons have unanimously voted to recommend that the Bethesda congregation call Pastor J Epp for a five-year term, running from January 26, 2026 to January 26, 2031. The Deacon Board recognizes and appreciates the many gifts God has given Pastor J and are excited to recommend

him to join our ministry team. Today, A congregational vote will be held today, January 25, 2026, following the worship service.

Annual Meeting

The 2026 Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, February 1, 2026. Annual reports are available from the ushers and at the sanctuary entries. Absentee ballots will be available during office hours beginning up until Thursday, January 29, 2026. The youth will be serving us lunch as a fundraiser. Be sure to join us as we look back on 2025!



New Address or Phone Number

If your address or phone number has changed please let the church office know. You may email bethesda@mainstaycomm.net or call 402.723.4562 with the information.

School Kit Bags

School kit fabric for bags has been cut at this time. They are available to be picked up in the office across from the church office. Thank you!

BETHESDA WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



Bethesda Women's Ministries Winter Sewing Days

"A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but also a tangible reminder to people in vulnerable situations that their needs are not forgotten." Join Bethesda Women's Ministries at Winter Sewing Days, tie some knots in a comforter, put a few stitches in a quilt or tea towels, crochet/knit a prayer shawl, or just come for the Fellowship. Projects benefit MCC Winter Warm Up and NE MCC Relief Sale. The next Sewing Day is **Tuesday, January 27 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** and February dates are **Tuesday, February 10 and February 24**. Come as your schedule allows. Lunch served at Noon. You are welcome to come just for Lunch and Fellowship. Winter Sewing days are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of January, February and March.

Last year, MCC shipped 39,616 comforters to communities in Canada, Malawi, Palestine (Gaza), Ukraine, the U.S. (including Puerto Rico) and Zambia.

Bethesda Women's Bible Study

The Bethesda Women's Bible Study led by Linda Goertzen will begin a study of Mark's Gospel on Monday, January 26 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

We will have 11 sessions in the first Gospel ever written. Lesson 1 will cover Mark 1 - chapter 2:17. Please bring your Bible and something to write with. We will meet in the Powerhouse Room (old choir roomn) just east of the sanctuary. All are welcome!



New Arrivals!

We have so many new books we are excited about for all ages! Here are a couple of the newest series for elementary kids:

- **The Restorationists**: This series for kids is a fantasy fiction series that explores the power of art and the adventures of a secret society called the Restorationists. Young heroes Vincent and his cousin Georgia discover that paintings can be portals to new worlds filled with danger and excitement. They must protect art and uncover the truth about their family's heritage while facing various challenges along the way. The series is designed for readers age 9 to 12.

Don't miss any of the books in the Restorationists trilogy: BENEATH THE SWIRLING SKY, BETWEEN FLOWERS AND BONES, BEYOND THE FAR HORIZON.

- **Winnie The Early Years**: Winnie could ride horses before she could walk but training them is another story. Join eight-year-old Winnie as she learns the fine art of horse gentling from her horse wrangler mom on the family ranch in a series of four books: A HORSE'S BEST FRIEND, HORSE GENTLER IN TRAINING, LUCKY FOR WINNIE, and HOMESICK HORSE.

College Care Packages

We are trying something new this year! Due to the high costs of shipping, instead of sending an actual physical Care Package to each of our college age students we are planning to send them Care Packages in the form of Gift Cards. So please consider donating to a gift card fund. Just designate your offering check to the effort by writing "College Care Packages" in the memo

line. Let's show the kids we're thinking of them and help brighten up at least one of these dreary, cold, winter days.



MISSIONS LOCAL/GLOBAL

MCC's Great Winter Warm-up

The chill of winter is settling in and that means it's time for **MCC's Great Winter Warm-up!** From January to March, the goal is 10,000 comforters to help spread warmth, joy and comfort to people around the world. Start plans now to gather with friends and family to make comforters for MCC this winter! Find inspiring stories and instructions at mcc.org/gww.

Calling for 2026-2027 MCC SALT participants!

MCC's Serving and Learning Together (SALT) program is a year-long cross-cultural experience for young adults ages 18-30. It's a chance to immerse yourself in another culture and grow in ways you never imagined. Whether your interest is in a specific region of the world, specific country, type of work or a language, there are numerous possibilities waiting to be explored. There is no cost to participate and there is student loan assistance available. You'll grow. You'll experience the world, find purpose, and you will Serve and Learn Together. Dates: August 12th, 2026 – July 17th, 2027. Visit mcc.org/salt for more information, applications due Feb. 15.

MCC is recruiting Canner Operators

MCC is recruiting Canner Operators to join its mobile meat canning team, which prepares about **600,000 cans of meat** annually for global communities in need. These operators travel to **30 U.S. locations** from October to April, managing machinery, operating steam and pressure vessels, coordinating volunteers, and ensuring compliance with USDA regulations. Make new friends while participating in **a unique service adventure!** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until April 25th OR until position is filled. Apply

online at mcc.org/careers. For more information, call 1-888-563-4676 or email marilyn.peters@mcc.org.

GIVING ATTENDANCE

Sunday, January 20, Worship Attendance: 202

Sunday, January 20, Sunday School Attendance: 21

Worship Offering: January 20, 2026

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$6,226.00
Sunday School Offering	\$20.80
Total Sunday Offering	\$6,246.80

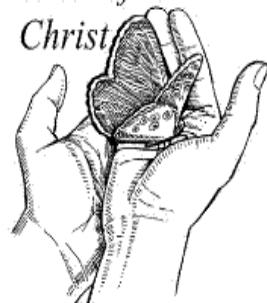
Born Again!

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." John 3:3 (NIV)

Based on John 3:1-17 (NIV)

New Life in

Christ



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BIRTH	TRUTH	SPIRIT	NIGHT	JEWISH
PHARISEE	AGAIN	ETERNAL	MAN	RABBI
BORN	WORLD	KINGDOM	NICODEMUS	FLESH
JESUS	LOVED	TEACHER	LIFE	WATER

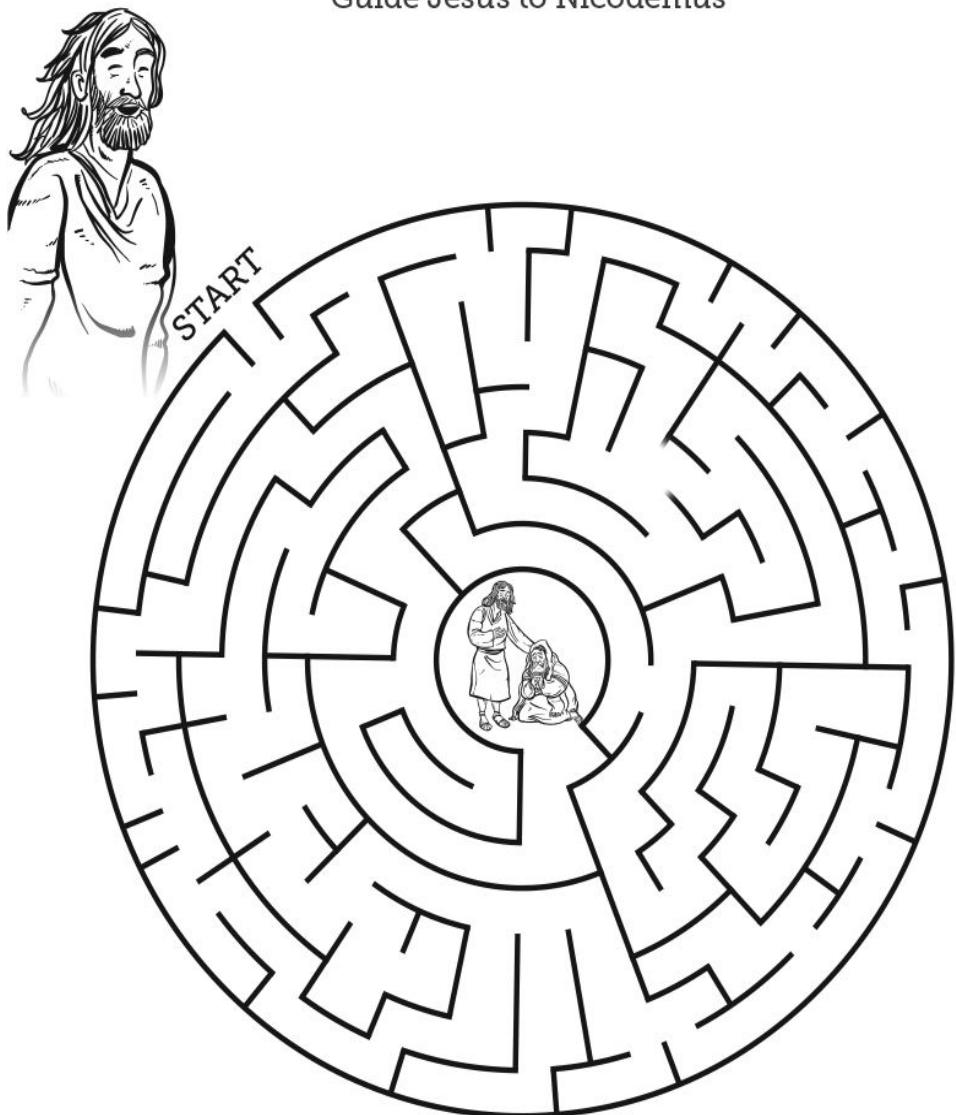
NICODEMUS

CAME TO JESUS
BY NIGHT



NICODEMUS REBORN

Guide Jesus to Nicodemus



BORN AGAIN

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



BORN AGAIN

CONNECT

For more information, complete the form below and drop this tear-off in the offering or the church office.

I would like more information about:

<input type="checkbox"/> Children's Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Serving
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Baptism
<input type="checkbox"/> Bible Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> Choirs	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

I would like to receive the weekly e-Bethesda News and bulletin. Please enter your email address: _____

I am new to Bethesda Mennonite Church.

Please update/add my contact information to the Bethesda yearbook.

Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Email	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	

My age range:

<input type="checkbox"/> Elementary School	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior High
<input type="checkbox"/> High School	<input type="checkbox"/> College
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult	

Comments/Bulletin Announcement...

MESSAGE NOTES
"Born From Above"
Pastor Andrea Wall
John 2:23 – John 3:21 (NRSV)